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Former Makeup Company Controller Sentenced for Embezzling \$2.3 Million

The former controller of a beauty products company has been sentenced to 10 years in state prison for embezzling \$2.3 million from her former employer, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Linda Moraga (dob 5/5/53) of Northridge pleaded no contest yesterday to two felony counts each of grand theft by embezzlement and filing a false income tax return. She also admitted a special allegation that she engaged in a pattern of related felony conduct that resulted in the loss of more than \$500,000.

She was immediately sentenced by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Deborah Brazil.

Deputy District Attorney Stephen Morgan of the White Collar Crime Division prosecuted case BA478593.

From 2011 to 2017, Moraga used her position as a financial controller at Los Angeles-based Roberts Beauty to create false invoices. Instead of issuing payments to vendors, she wired money from the company's accounts into her personal bank accounts and credit cards.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department.

About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

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